

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 4. th 1855.

Dear Sir,

In consequence of the diminished supply of unparted bullion, it becomes necessary to reduce the force employed in the separating or parting room in your department. As agreed upon in our Conference to-day, you will please notify the following named workmen employed therein that after the 16th Inst. their services will not be required. Viz: John Ballier, W. C. Bryant, Edward S. Doyle, M. S. Kelley, James McDermott, Thomas MacStamara and Thomas Neany.

You will express to these gentlemen individually, my great regret that the business of the Mint cannot require their further employment, and that nothing but an imperative sense of duty, induces the reduction in question.

Very Respectfully

James A. S. Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint.

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